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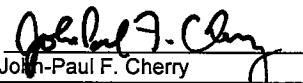
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 25, 2008

In response to the Office Action dated September 25, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response extended by two months and set to expire on February 25, 2009, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for the reasons discussed below. The extension of time fees and excess claim fees will be paid during the electronic submittal of this Response. Although the Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/SBIO/0002/JPC, for any additional fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. **Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 8 of this paper and include both attached Replacement Sheets and annotated sheets showing changes. **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.